

Review 2017

As in previous years, the Centre for Young Scientists would like to take a look back at what has been done in the past year.

In 2017, the Centre for Young Scientist offered numerous workshops for doctoral candidates, postdocs and junior professors. The workshops were focused on development and strengthening of personal competences, academic writing, presentation of scientific content, research projects & acquisition of funds, literature & publication, career after graduation, intercultural competence as well as communication, appearance & impact. A total of 29 workshops took place. The participants showed a high level of satisfaction with the courses. In regard to the language of the courses, the workshops were almost in balance - 15 workshops were held in English and 14 in German. Since summer 2017, young academics have the opportunity to propose workshops under the heading Workshop on Demand. First topic suggestions were already successfully implemented in the past year.

In the spring of 2017, the follow-on financing of the DAAD-funded project [InProTUC](#) was approved until the end of June 2019. On 20 July a Get-Together took place in order to celebrate the successful first funding period of the project. During this event, three young researchers were given the opportunity to share their experiences with the attending doctoral candidates and professors and to pass on their consistently positive impressions.

The project InProTUC supports doctoral candidates in realising of international research visits, insight visits and conference attendances by funding travel and subsistence expenses. Grants are available for doctoral candidates of the TU Chemnitz as well as for international doctoral candidates. A total of 20 research visits and 25 international conference attendances by academics of TU Chemnitz were funded under InProTUC last year. In addition, TU Chemnitz hosted 13 international doctoral candidates for research visits and one prospective doctoral candidate for an insight visit.

Eight of the workshops held at the Centre for Young Scientists were offered as part of the project InProTUC. Furthermore, two informational events under the title "Boost Your Career with International Experience" took place.

Another highlight of the past year was the annual [Day for Young Scientists](#). On 2 November approximately 90 doctoral candidates, prospective doctoral candidates and postdocs accepted the invitation to the 5th Day of Young Scientists, which was dedicated to questions about the doctorate and the promotion of young scientists.

At the beginning, five young academics from the TU Chemnitz shared their experiences on a panel and gave insights into their own doctoral studies. Keynote speaker of this year's Day for Young Scientists was the occupational scientist and former president of the Fraunhofer Society, Prof. Dr. Hans-Jörg Bullinger, who held a speech on "Career Step Applied Research", presenting entry-level opportunities and target group-specific support programmes for the young scientists at Fraunhofer Society. For the first time, three target-group-

specific lectures took place simultaneously. One lecture was focused on milestones of the doctorate, a second one on funding of research projects and in the third lecture, an individual career path of a young scientist was presented. The Science Slam, in which four young scientists competed with one another in seven minutes long presentations about their research, ended again this informative afternoon.

All in all, the Centre for Young Scientists can thus look back on a successful year 2017 and is looking forward to a lively participation of doctoral candidates and young academics in the continuously offered workshops and scholarships under InProTUC.